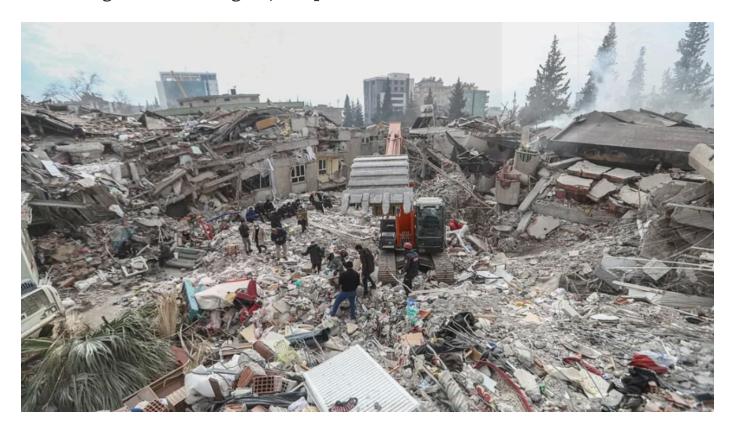
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Shallow M5.8 earthquake in Central Sulawesi kills one, injures 41; church collapse and minor tsunami reported

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A shallow M5.8 earthquake struck near Poso in Central Sulawesi, Indonesia at 22:38 UTC on August 16, 2025. The tremor caused one fatality and injured 41 people, triggered the partial collapse of a church during worship, damaged dozens of buildings across the region, and produced a small tsunami.



Damage caused by M5.8 earthquake in Sulawesi, Indonesia on August 16, 2025. Credit: FPMKI

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north-northwest of Poso, at a shallow depth of 8 km (5 miles).

The earthquake resulted in one confirmed death and at least 42 injuries, including one person in critical condition. Ten of the injuries, along with the fatality, occurred in the village of Masani, where a partially constructed church collapsed during a Sunday service.

The earthquake caused significant structural damage across the region. A total of 57 homes were affected, including 12 severely damaged. Additional impacts were reported at two other churches, a mosque, several schools, and government buildings.